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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminarily, kindly amend the application as follows:

Cancel claims 1 - 47 and add the following new claims:

48/1. A system comprising  
a server that is electronically accessible to multiple  
clients,  
the server storing a repository of value information  
indicative of the values of respective products, services,  
software, or information as determined by users of the products,  
services, or information, and  
software configured to  
receive value information electronically from  
clients,  
store the value information in the repository,  
determining when value information associated with  
a particular product, service, or information would be  
useful for one of the clients, and

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